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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES

SUBJECT: Luncheon Meeting with Mr. Buford, State Department

1. Mr. Reber and I had luncheon with Mr. Buford to discuss further the relationship between CIA/BR and State/BI. Mr. Buford first stated concern over a recent biographical release on the Soviet area prepared by OGD. He stated that the material appeared to be largely taken from their files and represented, to a large extent, duplication over material contained in the HIS which was prepared by the State Department. He seemed to be concerned not only with the duplication that the OGD release represented but also the apparent effect on the morale of his staff.

2. We discussed the need for the establishment of dossiers when a limited number of documents were available versus the [ ] approach of merely filing the documents until several number accrue to necessitate the establishment of a file. Mr. Buford supported the former method, pointing out that the analysts preferred to use this approach and that it helped them gain familiarity with the persons in a particular region.

3. After discussion of the general problem it was Mr. Buford's feeling that State would never agree to give up its biographical activity as it was an essential element in the State Department's functions. He also pointed to the importance of the collection factor in the need for State to continue its current activities. It was his belief that the quality and quantity of the State collection service would suffer considerably if the State/BI function was to be taken over by CIA.

4. He suggested that it might be timely to attempt to reach a current understanding between BI and BR while the internal problem affecting BR was under discussion.

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